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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: ETO, et al.  
Serial No.: 09/729,777  
Filed: December 6, 2000  
For: IRON POWER-BASED OXYGEN-ABSORBING PACKAGE  
AND PRODUCTION METHOD THEREOF  
Group: 1773  
Examiner: Sheeba Ahmed

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AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

December 18, 2002

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed July 18, 2002, please amend the  
above-identified application as follows:

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IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-8 without prejudice or disclaimer, and add the  
following new claims to the application:

--9. A process for producing an oxygen-absorbing package, which  
comprises:

(a) producing an oxygen-absorbing composition comprising a granular iron  
powder as an effective component which contains fine iron powder passing through  
a 200-mesh standard sieve in an amount of 5% by weight or less by removing the  
fine iron powder; and